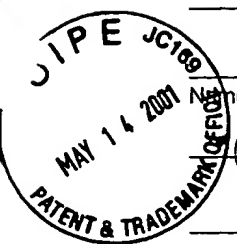


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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97-1.98, Applicants would like to call the Examiner's attention to the references listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449. Copies of these references are also enclosed.

Applicants believe that none of the listed references, alone or in combination disclose or suggest Applicant's claimed invention.

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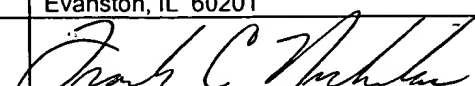
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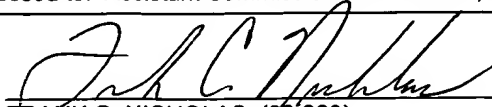
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